



## **QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CONTACTED ABOUT A PLACEMENT**

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### **Questions To Ask About The Child**

1. Why is the child being placed?
2. Previous placement experiences of the child.
3. What is the child's legal status?
4. What is the plan for the child? Expected length of placement?
5. What is the family contact plan for the child? What is the family situation and the parent's names? Where are the parents? When will the first visit or contact be?
6. Are there brother/sisters? Where are they placed? Birthdates?
7. Is the child in good health? Allergies, medication, immunizations, dental care?
8. When was the last physical and dental checkup?
9. Religion—important or not?
10. Where has the child been receiving medical care? Is there a record of immunizations?
11. What grade is the child in at school? What School? Are there any known educational or learning issues?
12. Does the child have any special behavior problems or unusual habits?
13. Does the child have enough clothing? Will there be a clothing allowance?
14. Will the foster parent and birth parent have an Ice Breaker?
15. What is the foster care reimbursement for this child(ren)?
16. What is the name and contact number for the social worker? Who is the social worker's supervisor?

### **Forms to Ask For Early in the Placement:**

1. Red Placement Packet (Should include the forms below.)
2. Consent for Emergency and Routine Medical Care
3. Family Contact Plan or Visitation Plan
4. Clothing Inventory Form (if you are going request a clothing voucher)